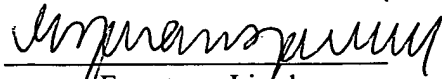




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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This reply to Restriction Requirement is submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005 for the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Lack of Unity rejection and the Examiner's characterizations of the prior art therein. Applicants reserve the right to address these prior art references as prosecution proceeds. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants elect claims of Group I (claims 1-20), drawn to a mucosal DTPa vaccine comprising a diphtheria antigen, a tetanus antigen, and an acellular pertussis antigen, *E. coli* LT-K63 and/or LT-R72, for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this
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